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Churchill
Challenge
On Steel

London, Jan. 25. Mr Winston Churchill, back from his holiday in North Africa, raised the political temperature in the House of Commons today by threatening the Government with a vote of censure over steel nationalisation.

The industry is due to be taken over by the State on February 15.

Mr Churchill said he thought the nationalisation of steel would "greatly hamper rearmament."

He pressed for a debate. But Mr Herbert Morrison, the Government leader in the House of Commons, who arranges Parliamentary business, would not commit himself.

He said he wondered if the Opposition realised that finally had been reached on the steel nationalisation issue.

Mr Churchill then asked if there was any precedent for a Government, "however desirous of clinging to office," refusing a formal motion amounting to a censure from a responsible Opposition.

Mr Morrison reported that he had not refused yet. He preferred to see the terms of the motion. There the matter was left for the present.—Reuter.

British Defence Statement

London, Jan. 25. The British Government is to make a statement on defence on Monday, it was announced, in the House of Commons today.

Mr Winston Churchill, the Opposition leader, said he presumed the statement would say something about rearmament, trained reserves and so on.—Reuter.

British Opposition To Sanctions Against Peking Regime

Lake Success, Jan. 25.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb (Britain) told the Political Committee today that no penal measures should be taken against China whose intentions should be further probed.

New Zealand announced in the same Committee that it would support the branding of Communist China as an aggressor in Korea.

Earlier, India had urged a round-table conference with Communist China to bring peace in Korea.

Sir Gladwyn informed the Committee that his delegation was broadly in agreement with the first five paragraphs of an American resolution now before the General Assembly of the United Nations.

One of these paragraphs asks the Assembly to find that the Chinese People's Republic, by aiding the North Koreans in fighting the United Nations forces, "has itself engaged in aggression in Korea".

Sir Gladwyn thought that the words of these paragraphs might require further consideration, but when it came to the next part of the resolution his delegation had doubts about its wisdom.

He said, "When it comes to considering further measures I would be less than frank if I did not express the gravest doubt regarding the wisdom of any such action before the intentions of the Peking Government were further explored."

Sir Gladwyn asked whether all delegations could say that they were satisfied that the United Nations had completely exhausted all possibilities of exploration.

He thought that they had not and asked the United Nations to continue a study of the ambiguities in the Peking replies.

FACTS NOT WORDS

For this reason Britain would support any proposal to set up machinery seeking further clarification.

"We are dealing with facts not words," Sir Gladwyn declared.

Sir Gladwyn said that there could be no doubt that the Peking Government had taken an active part in the aggression against the Korean Republic.

"From a moral point of view their action has been just as reprehensible as if it were they who first set loose the war," he added.

"Let there be no mistake about this," he continued.

"In nothing that I am saying and in nothing that I have said in the past is there the slightest attempt to condone the attitude of the People's Government."

"They have undoubtedly hitherto pursued a policy which, if unchecked, can lead to chaos in the civilised world as we know it."

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



Mr Bevin Making Progress

London, Jan. 25. The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who is ill with pneumonia, was "somewhat improved", Mr Herbert Morrison, the Government Leader in the House of Commons, told Parliament today.

He was replying to a question by the Opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, who asked for information about the health of the Foreign Secretary, "for whose recovery we are all very much concerned."

The Foreign Office announced tonight that Mr Bevin was maintaining the progress which he made earlier today.—Reuter.

'White Death' Menace In Alps Fading

London, Jan. 25. The people of the Alps, mourning about 250 dead and missing in Europe's devastating days of avalanches, today hoped that the "white death" had spent its force as colder weather spread over the mountains and valleys.

Austrians, Italians and Swiss counted their dead and missing and tried to estimate the damage wrought by the freak "false Spring," which had brought thousands of tons of snow thundering down upon sleeping Alpine villages.

Austria reported 142 dead and missing; Italy 34 dead; Switzerland 75 dead; all three countries listed many hurt and costly damage.

Reuter correspondents in the Alpine countries filled in the details.

Vienna: Temperatures in the worst-hit Austrian Alpine villages are now below freezing and, unless a thaw sets in, the present plans to evacuate homes will be abandoned.

French Chasseurs, Alpine troops are helping 150 Austrian railway workers to dig out a locomotive buried on the Soefeld-Innsbruck line and open the line to traffic.

Water pipes supplying the city of Innsbruck, shattered by the snow, have been repaired sufficiently to get through a reduced supply.

Thousands of animals in Austrian valleys cut off from grazing are dying from starvation.

WORKERS' ESCAPE

Ninety-nine workers escaped today, reports said, from the camp on the Gross Glockner mountain in the Austrian Alps, where snow has held them prisoner for six days. The sick and injured were taken to hospital.

Geneva: There have been no new avalanches in Switzerland in the past 38 hours.

Switzerland called up 800 reservists today to help restore communications and dig out villages in the worst-hit canton of Grisons.

The national avalanche fund has reached half a million francs. One of the St. Bernardine monks said over the telephone today that the monastery had not been touched by avalanches and that a horse and rider had arrived with food and mail from the Italian side of the frontier.—Reuter.

Political Crisis In Netherlands

The Hague, Jan. 25.

Queen Juliana conferred throughout the day with leaders of Holland's political parties in an attempt to provide the country with a new government following the unexpected resignation yesterday of the coalition government headed by Premier Willem Drees.

The Queen conferred separately with the Vice-President of the State Council, the Senate President and leaders of six political parties. The Queen was reported to have narrowed the list down to three possibilities and was expected to name a premier-designate who will attempt to form a new Cabinet.

The first choice is believed to be the liberal leader, Mr. Oud. The outgoing premier may be asked to try again if Mr. Oud is unsuccessful. Political leaders believe Mr. Oud was not likely to succeed because the total strength of the parties backing him was only 27 of 100 votes.

Simultaneously, dissension was reported among high military officers because the government disagreed with the Chief of Staff, General Hendrik Kruis,

Strongest Force In Asia

Cambridge, Jan. 25. Dr Rajeshwar Dayal, Indian delegate to the United Nations, said today that the strongest force in Asia today is nationalism. He told the 20th School of International Relations conducted by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and Radcliffe College that Asia is in a state of ferment caused by changing habits, thoughts and political ideas.

The fight now was to attain democracy and freedom. Asia had too long been a playground of the Western powers vying for its raw materials.—United Press.

over the speed and scope of Dutch rearmament. Two high officers already have resigned in protest and there were reports that 15 others were seriously considering quitting.—United Press.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

DRASTIC ACTION BY PERON

Buenos Aires, Jan. 25. The President of Argentina, General Juan Peron, today imposed military rule on all railway employees in the Buenos Aires area, including several hundred Britons and other foreigners.

He took this step to try to break the three-day old railway strike, which is causing growing transport chaos.

The railways have been owned by the State since they were bought from their former British owners four years ago.

General Peron, in serious conflict for the first time with labour, from which he draws his greatest support, "mobilised" the railwaymen—striking for higher wages—under the National defence laws.

High officials of the Ministry of Transport, including managers of the various railways, received appointments as Army officers "for the duration." They will enforce military law over all men called up.

The President ordered police to round up strikers who defied the mobilisation order. They will be handed over to the military for trial and punishment.

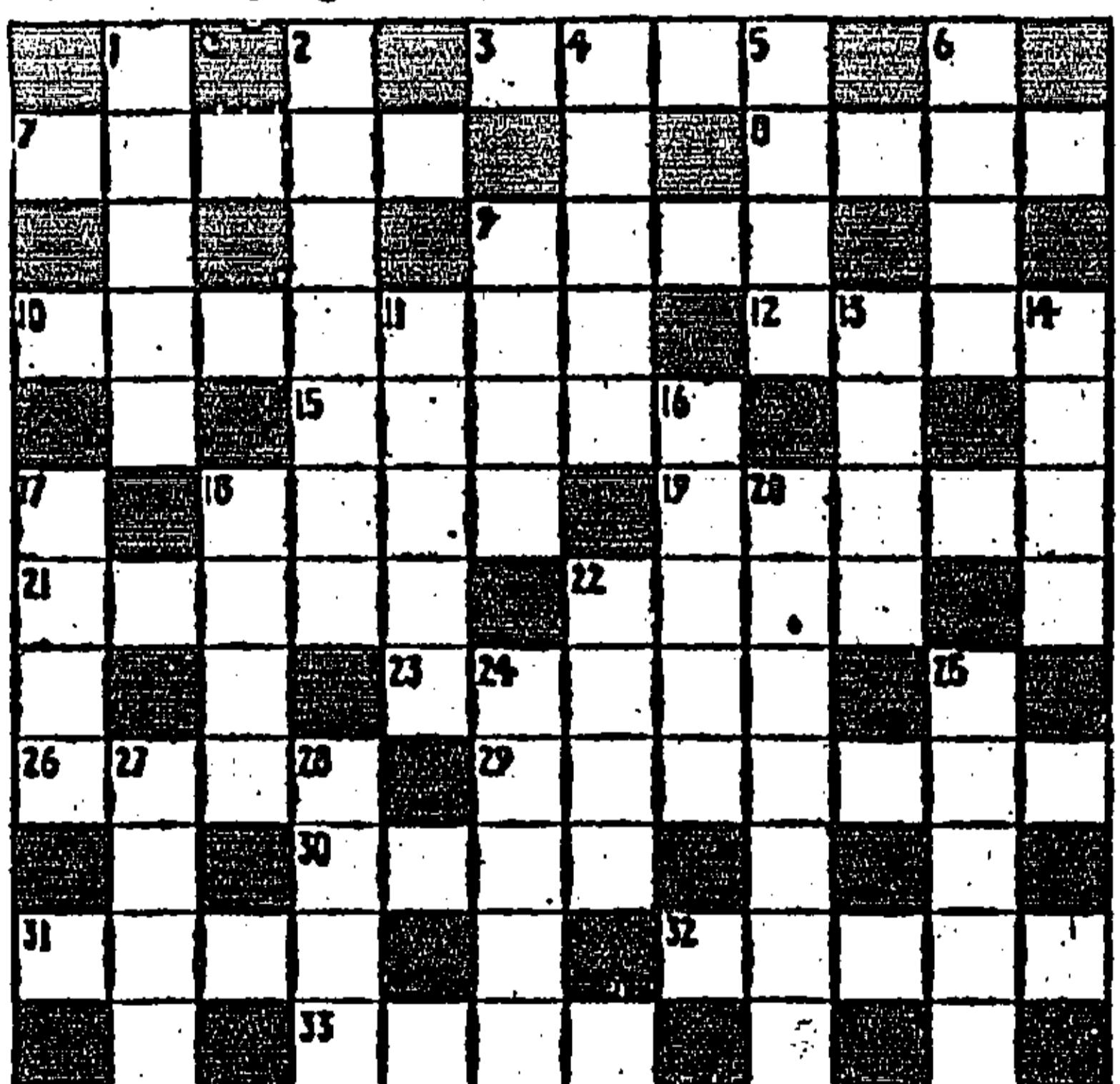
President Peron declared last night that if the working classes did not like his method "I will give up my job and go home."

President Peron's announcement last night that he would break the railway stoppage by mobilising the strikers and placing them under military rule has so far produced no improvement in the situation.

Skeleton services on some of the five main lines serving Buenos Aires were slightly increased but few men returned.

President Peron, who had declared that the strike was a "conspiracy" against his Government—he named all the opposition forces starting with the Communists—said that if the workers did not approve of his methods he would quit. The men, who are striking for the third time in recent months, say they will stay out until their wage demands are met.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Ostler, 7 Epoc, 9 Paler, 10 Canoe, 11 Irks, 13 Inordinate, 15 Edge, 16 Pips, 19 Revelation, 22 Lair, 24 Lovage, 25 Ready, 26 Fadie, 27 Sodden Down: 2 Salvo, 3 Lurid, 4 Recant, 5 Penitent, 6 Seek, 8 Pored, 12 Sheen, 13 Impel, 14 Reserved, 17 Pried, 18 Recess, 20 Acrid, 21 Image, 23 Alar.

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Outspoken Criticism Of America

Geneva, Jan. 25. The newspaper La Suisse, commenting today on the American attitude towards the Korean problem, said: "At the very moment that a majority of the United Nations were voting for conciliation, Congress replied by demanding that China be condemned as an aggressor and be refused entry into the United Nations.

"But at the United Nations have the delegates of the non-Communist world nothing to do but bend before the decisions of Congress?

"If it means following the policy implied in the Washington votes, where will this lead but to an extension of the war? At a conference table the Western powers could find unity again. To continue these public debates will only result in aggravating their differences.—Reuter.

Cairo, Jan. 25. The Arab League nations' decision to abstain from voting on the "Brand China" resolution at Lake Success has not surprised political observers here.

The decision is part of the old Arab policy of walking the tight-rope that divides the Eastern and Western worlds. The Middle East has found the growing tension between Communism and the West the best opportunity they have had for enforcing freedom for themselves from what they consider the last vestiges of "Western imperialism."

The Arabs are undoubtedly using the present international tension as an opportunity for bargaining with the West. The important aspect of that bus-

Ruhr Strike Called Off

Bonn, Jan. 25. A threatened strike of 800,000 West German steel workers and coal miners, which had been fixed for Feb. 1, is definitely off, it was announced here tonight.

The steel and coal workers,

backed by other industrial unions, had announced their intention to strike unless definite steps were taken to satisfy their demands for "co-determination"—workers' representation on industrial management boards.

At a lengthy meeting today it was agreed that half of the members of the boards of directors in the coal-mining and iron and steel industries should be workers' representatives, who may be nominated by the trade unions.—Reuter.

gaining is the new State of Israel, which the Moslem Middle East distrusted.—Reuter.

Condemnation Of Red China Probable

Lake Success, Jan. 25. Most of the eight Western European countries here are expected to support a United Nations condemnation of Communist China as an aggressor in Korea, though Britain's position up to a late hour today remained partly in doubt.

Sweden is regarded as certain to abstain on the American resolution condemning Communist China as an aggressor. Denmark and Norway will most likely support the resolution, though both these countries are said to be interested to see what Britain will do.

Belgium and Luxembourg are authoritatively said to be prepared to follow the lead of France, whose Government has said that it would support the motion.

The British final position was also in doubt, according to spokesmen here.

The feeling in British circles was that the British Government would most likely support a straightforward condemnation of Communist China as an aggressor, but would not buck any move which would set into motion the application of sanctions.

This acceptance, though viewed as important by certain Arab and Asian delegations, was discounted rather heavily in other United Nations circles.

These circles pointed out that such a seven-power conference, with exactly the same membership, was proposed by the Chinese Communists themselves on January 17.

NO DIFFERENCE?

Diplomatic circles also drew attention to the fact that the suggested conference, although said to be "exploratory," would be hardly different from a full-scale Far Eastern conference.

The proposal was to hold an exploratory conference of Russia, Britain, France, the United States, Egypt, India, the Chinese People's Republic.

U.S. OPPOSITION

A United States spokesman said that his country would oppose this proposal with the greatest vigour, largely on the grounds that it ignores entirely the question of a preliminary cease-fire.

No American representative, the spokesman declared, would be prepared to sit down at any conference table with a Chinese Communist representative while blood was still being shed in Korea.

Dr. Edith At Pyramids



Dr. Edith Summerskill, British Minister of National Insurance, last week visited Egypt for a social study tour of that country. Here she is seen during a visit to the Pyramids. At right is Dr. Ahmed Hussein, Egyptian Minister of Social Affairs.—AP Picture.

American Protest To France Over Sales Of Gold

Washington, Jan. 25. An International Monetary Fund official said today that the United States Treasury has communicated an informal protest to the French government regarding the reported sales by the Bank of France of gold at premium prices.

The Treasury would not comment on the reported French gold sales or on what action it has taken or will take. However, it was understood that the Treasury on Wednesday communicated by cable with officials in France.

According to preliminary information received by the Fund, the official said, the Bank of France has been selling on the free market in France gold from its reserve at premium prices in dollars up to \$42, an ounce, gaining profits over the internationally-agreed United States Treasury rate of \$35 an ounce. It was said that such sales are undermining the value of the American dollar.

The Fund has not yet received any request for action on the situation by any member governments and the question was not yet come before the Fund's Board. However, it has attracted the attention of staff experts who are looking into French transactions.

It is too early to say what the Fund Board will do, the official said the Fund does not know the scope of the transactions and whether the French intend to continue them.

TREASURY MUM

Answers to these questions were presumably obtained by the Treasury on Wednesday, but Treasury officials would not comment and the Fund officials said the Treasury has

not told the Fund what information it has received.

The official said the Fund does not expect to take any formal action in this case, unless investigations by its staff experts indicate that such action would be warranted and the United States or some other member governments would take a strong stand.

He explained that ordinarily

the Fund has no jurisdiction on the sales of gold for local currency within a country.

If the sales involve any other third currency, he said, such transactions would be considered by the Fund to be an international affair involving foreign currency in which the Fund would have jurisdiction.

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TALKING of what you have lost—when did you lose the sense of mission in the world, the mission to teach the British way of life to the world?

We dare to think that you have the wrong idea of incentive. You seem to think it lives in a man's pocket instead of in his spirit.

But then, your heroes were men like Shaw, Wells, and Galsworthy, who weakened your conviction of rightness and made fortunes out of you doing it.

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FOUR MOVE OUT OF PARADISE

From NEWELL ROGERS

New York, Jan. 18. Vegas, dotted with casinos, in sumptuous resort hotels, has never known such good business.

There will be four fewer in Paradise tomorrow. Tonight there are 2,859 in the California town of that name perched 1,850ft. up in the gorges of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

But Paradise is barred to Mr and Mrs Elmer Farr and Mr and Mrs Dick Wingett by the flaming tongues of public opinion.

Until yesterday Mrs Farr was Mrs Wingett, and Mrs Wingett was Mrs Farr.

Then the two couples motored across the Mexican border, got "quicke" divorces, and changed mates in a double marriage.

Said they: "It is for our happiness and the best interests of all."

But Paradise doesn't like it. And tomorrow the Wingetts and Fars move.

ACROSS the mountains from Paradise lies America's most luxurious gambling "hell." Las Vegas.

SCIENTISTS in the weather bureau are working towards weather predictions a year ahead. But there may be some delay. For these forecasts they will have to know what the weather is like 30,000ft. over Siberia.

BRITISH PICTURES "Trilo" and "Quartet" have been such a success in America that Hollywood has now registered "Duo" and "Quintet" with the title bureau.

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Shavian Boom Seen Ahead

By RONALD ROPER

London, Jan. 18. New Vic Company—average age 20. The eyes which look out over Shylock's beard are those of 25-year-old Powys Thomas, one-time Bevin boy and ex-Royal Navy; Charmian Tyre (23) counts as an experienced actress; Jill Showell, a teen-ager, is said to have got into the Old Vic School when she was under 16.

The youthfulness of this talent inevitably produces mixed reactions among the audience. "It is an advantage," says a critic, "because the players bring to Shakespeare fresh and unpolished minds; a disadvantage because they are not yet artful enough to conceal their inexperience of life.

"Let me put it that they have a succulent relish of lovely words and a no-time-earned sense of the poignancy such words can bring to the spirit. If genius is the intuitive faculty of interpreting life without experience of life, then there is no genius in this production. But there is any amount of talent, and the lovely words are at least never inaudible."

Incidentally a new Shaw legend has it that the great man himself used the word only twice in his life—in the play and when throwing down his pen at the last of the 200,000 words which went into "An Intelligent Woman's Guide to Politics," he ejaculated to his wife: "It's well finished!"

Miss Patch's revelation that Shaw was a victim of a common hallucination of the wealthy in old age—that they are on the verge of bankruptcy—is further confirmed by the fact that when "Pygmalion" was revived at Hammersmith in his lifetime Shaw declined to allow its transfer to the West End because it would only cost him more income tax.

ONDON'S first major operatic event of the year is voted a success. It is a Sadler's Wells performance of a reduced version of Verdi's "Don Carlos."

That the original was overlong and tedious was realised by Verdi himself and he cut out one act. Now comes Norman Tucker's three-act version which, though it may have sacrificed a certain amount of stage pomp, has also mercifully omitted those parts of the score considered bad.

With the aid of conductor Michael Medlicott, who rightly received big share of the plaudits, and of a producer new to opera—George Devine of the Old Vic—the Sadler's Wells Company rise to a splendid presentation which incidentally marks the 50th anniversary of Verdi's death.

Individual credit goes to Frederic Shaw for his interpretation of Rodolfo; Philip II, who will also manage that this was the play which established Shaw's reputation with the young generation, largely because it dared to discuss, early this century, the subject of unmarried mothers. No doubt it was equally characteristic of Edward VII, that he was said to have laughed so much at a Court performance of the play that he broke his chair.

Despite an ankle injury from skiing, John Clements is rehearsing in "Man and Superman," which he will also manage at the New, probably through the Festival season. Clements plays Tanner in a company including Kay Hammond (Anne Whitefield), D. A. Clark-Smith (Ramsden) and Michael Medwin (Straker).

Sir Laurence Olivier, who has had tentative plans for more Shaw, with roles for himself and his wife Vivien Leigh, may in the circumstances seek in favour of Shakespeare, preferably of "Othello." His immediate interest, however, is opera—"The Consul"—which he is putting on at the Cambridge Theatre because the St James's hasn't suitable space for a numerous orchestra.

I advise those who, with abundant reason, consider opera in London nowadays to be an irrational entertainment," says Scott Goddard, "to see this production. There is no point in bandying comparative virtues of singing or acting. The cast were as one, their level equal and admirably satisfying."

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BLIND VOYAGE

THE STORY SO FAR

Teddy (Theodore) Raynor and her boy friend, Hugo Albright, go on a cruise in the luxury yacht, Golden Gull. Teddy's Aunt Elsie also goes along. The cruise has been arranged through Dr Smitting's travel agency, but the sponsor keeps mysteriously in the dark. Denis Graham, also a passenger, reveals to Teddy and Hugo that the Golden Gull was the name of a charitable secret society founded by her late father, and he suspects the cruise has something to do with it. Another passenger, Roy Karin, an acrobat, tells his wife Grace to get chummy with Teddy, who wonders why. Meanwhile, the stewardess, Marie Galgan, tries to sell what she calls important information to Teddy. She fails however to turn up at a secret rendezvous with Teddy, and next morning is found murdered in her cabin.

NOW READ ON

TEDDY was too shocked to speak. "Then people may think I killed her!" gasped Hugo. She simply stared at him. As for Cecil, he was looking as though he couldn't credit his ears.

"Did—did you say some had been murdered?" he stammered.

"Yes—the stewardess."

"The stewardess! Now why should anyone want to murder a stewardess?" Cecil remarked insanely.

"I'm sure I don't know," said Hugo, with a tinge of sarcasm. "But the passengers are being rounded up for a meeting in the lounge in a few minutes. You'd better go along to it."

"I say! This is rather exciting."

Cecil sticking his monocle in his eye, hurried away.

"Hugo..." Teddy had finally found her voice. "Tell me about it..."

"She did?"

"Yes." Quickly Teddy told him of the stewardess' note and of the rendezvous that was never kept.

Hugo groaned. "You little idiot! Why didn't you tell me? Something might have happened to you!"

"I know," Teddy said remorsefully. "But I had no reason, then, to realize it was so serious."

"I hope you realize it now! Now—smitting has called a general meeting in the lounge. I want you to tell exactly what took place between you and Marie Galgan."

"The murderer is persuaded that you got no information from her, you should be safe or as safe as anyone can be on this blasted yacht!"

Teddy shivered, and drew a shaky breath.

"Well... come on, let's go to this meeting...."

They found the lounge crowded. All the passengers were there. Only the captain and crew were absent. As Teddy and Hugo entered, a silence fell over the gathering, and Teddy sensed, from the curious eyes turned towards her, that the news of the note found beside the murdered woman was already common knowledge.

"We've been waiting for you, Miss Raynor," said Dr Smitting. "So that was why Marie Galgan had not kept their rendezvous. She had been dead."

"It's awful!" Teddy whispered. Then, she saw that Hugo was looking at her strangely. "Hugo... why are you looking at me like that?"

Gently he laid a hand on her arm. "Teddy, a note was found beside the body...."

He hesitated.

"Well?"

"It said, 'Ask Miss Theodore Raynor'."

Teddy's eyes widened. "Ask me? Why ask me?" Then, the expression on Hugo's face alarmed her. "Hugo! Surely you don't think I did it!"

"Good heavens, no!" He put his arms around her. "But darling, don't you understand that I'm frightened to death for you—having your name brought into it like that?" His voice shook a little.

"But what does it mean?"

"I think it means that Marie Galgan was killed because she was trying to sell information to you."

"But why should the murderer leave a note giving a clue to the motive?"

"Perhaps some one else left it there. Perhaps some one else who knew that the stewardess had approached you found the body before Todd did, was afraid to report it, but left that note."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It happens every time he runs out without his rubber—
he still thinks he's a Java man!"

"It seems to me the logical persons to question are—er—the unfortunate victim's associates below decks!"

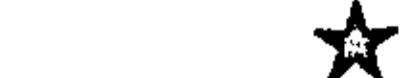
"The entire crew has already been questioned," said Smitting. "And they have all established alibis."

"Are you implying," Carper asked belligerently, "that the murderer is some one in this room?"

"That would seem to be the logical conclusion."

At that Mrs Marvis leapt up and pointed dramatically at Teddy.

"Then it must be that girl," she said shrilly. "That note beside the body? What did it mean? It must mean that she died!"



Teddy had gone white at Mrs Marvis' outburst. It was Denis Graham who hushed the woman and made her sit down.

"Let's not make wild accusations," he said mildly. "However, since Miss Raynor's name has unfortunately been brought into this, I suggest that she tell us anything she may know that might be helpful."

Teddy, trembling, rose and spoke in as firm a voice as she could muster.

"I'm glad to tell all I know—though it isn't much."

Then, as a tense silence enveloped the room, she told of her two encounters with the stewardess. When she had finished, there was a chatter of excitement, which was interrupted by John Carper.

"How about that note?" Roy Parrin cut in suddenly. He and his wife, back in a corner, had been so silent during the proceedings that his voice now startled everyone.

"This is all very interesting," he said, "but it is getting us nowhere. There is no one here with the authority to take any official action. The captain should radio the police and turn back to New York."

"I believe he has already sent a radiogram," said Dr Smitting. "He has already—"

"No!" a deep voice boomed from the doorway. "No, I haven't!"

Captain Jorkes, a heavy-set man with grizzled hair, came lumbering into the room.

"I haven't radioed," he announced grimly, "because the radio doesn't work! In fact, the apparatus has been hopelessly wrecked!"

"Wrecked!" exclaimed Graham.

"Yes—and the operator slugged, I found him unconscious on the floor, and the apparatus looks as though someone had been at it with an ax!"

Wild confusion followed this startling news. Everyone began talking at once.

John Carper raised his voice about the hubbub. "I see no reason for losing control of ourselves. But this latest occurrence seems to me to make it all the more imperative that we make for port as quickly as possible."

"I've already turned back towards New York," Captain Jorkes said curtly.

"How long will it take us to get there?" asked Mrs Marvis. "About sixty-five hours, ma'am."

"In the meantime, Captain, what are you going to do—what steps are you going to take towards apprehending the murderer?" the widow demanded.

Captain Jorkes shrugged.

"There seems to be nothing I can do until I can get in touch with the police."

"Nothing! Do you mean to say you're going to let us go for sixty-five hours with a killer in our midst, and do nothing about it?"

The Captain looked uncomfortable. "I asked Dr Smitting—uh—to call this meeting to see what could be ascertained—uh—officially. But I must interrupt it now. The radio operator has been injured and needs the doctor's attention." He turned to Smitting. "Will you come with me, Doctor?"

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As the two men left the gathering Mrs Marvis snorted.

"Well! It looks as though, with everything else, we have a fool for a captain! I think something should be done while the trail is still hot!"

"And just what would you do?" Carper asked caustically. "Have some sort of investigation—check up on where everyone was at the time of the murder!"

"It occurs to me," Hugo answered, "that your questions can best be answered by Mr Graham himself."

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"Don't be evasive—you know perfectly well what I mean!" Mr Marvis snapped. "Though you and Miss Raynor are so chummy with him the rest of us find him and his—er—friend, Miss Winslowe, very mysterious."

"I think that Miss Winslowe had best be left out of this discussion," John Carper put in coldly.

"And why?" Mrs Marvis asked sharply. "She and Graham are inseparable, and you yourself said that Graham—"

"Has a questionable reputation," Carper finished for her.

here to the lounge shortly before ten, and, as you yourself will remember, Mr Carper, watched your bridge game for a while."

"Almost half an hour for which you have no alibi!" Carper snorted.

"Yes—but I fancy I'm not the only person who hasn't a perfect alibi."

"I have!" Carper said bluntly. "And so have the rest of the bridge players. The Stoddards, Miss Elsie Raynor, and I came directly into the lounge after dinner, and started our game immediately. We played steadily until eleven o'clock, with Professor Turner looking on during most of that time."

"Well, who is she, then—if you know so much?" Mrs Marvis demanded.

"I said I could vouch for her—that is enough," Carper roared.

Teddy and Hugo sat down, waiting expectantly for him to begin. He paced up and down a moment, then seated himself and lit a cigarette.

"In the first place," he began, "it seems to me fairly obvious that the stewardess was killed because she knew too much, and was trying to sell her information to you, Miss Raynor."

Teddy and Hugo nodded.

"But it doesn't seem logical," Graham continued, "that the murderer would leave a note hinting at the motive for the crime, so I figure that note must have been put there by someone who discovered the body before George Todd did—someone who knew Marie Galgan, and knew of her risky attempt to deal with Miss Raynor."

"Exactly!" exclaimed Hugo. "That's what I said to Teddy!"

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"Humph!" Mrs Marvis snorted. "Well, in any case, Miss Winslowe is not the only young woman who seems to have fallen under Mr Graham's spell." She gave Teddy sharp look. "Miss Raynor is so quick to defend him that she, too, has apparently—"

"Miss Raynor can be left out of this too!" Hugo cut in sharply.

"What?" gasped Aunt Elsie. "Why? Theodora, you've said nothing—"

"I was going to tell you, Auntie," Teddy said quickly, blushing. "But—but let's not talk about it just now."

"Let's do talk about it," said Professor Turner, beaming. "It's much pleasanter topic—than the one we have been discussing." He raised his wine-glass. "I propose a toast to the engaged couple!"

The toast was drunk, congratulations were offered, and the subject Mrs. Marvis had tactlessly introduced was quietly dropped.

Teddy and Hugo were relieved when the meal was over. Quickly escaping from the dining saloon, they started down to Graham's cabin.

"Forgive me, darling," said Hugo, "for bursting out the news like that, but I had to hush up that Marvis woman. I couldn't stand her picking on you—particularly after her outrageous accusation at the meeting this morning."

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Teddy made a wry face. "Mrs Marvis was a bit disagreeable. People are always ready to believe the worst. They could easily persuade themselves that I might have murdered the poor woman because she was trying to blackmail me or something."

"Stop talking nonsense!" Hugo said roughly.

"It isn't entirely nonsense, sweetheart, but...." Teddy shrugged. "Never mind—I suppose every one of us will be under suspicion until the crime is solved!"

They reached Graham's cabin just then, and, when they knocked were immediately admitted.

"Come in—sit down," Graham closed the door after them. "Charis Winslowe will be here presently. While we're waiting for her, I'll explain the hunch I have about that note."

(MORE TOMORROW)

NECKED SNOW GLEASON

"It's a good idea to keep your neck warm in cold weather."

"I'm not cold," said the woman.

"I'm not either," said the man.

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NOTICE

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Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday the 10th day of March, 1951, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1950, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

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Freddie Brown (left) of England and Lindsay Hassett of Australia admire the trophy presented to Hassett on behalf of the Jubilee Sports Committee. Hassett received the trophy on behalf of the Australian Test team who won the Jubilee (third) Test Match at Sydney. Miniatures of the Trophy were also presented to all members of both teams, the managers, scorers and umpires.—Express.

"Rapier" Surveys Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

For the Third Race Meeting, to be held tomorrow, the Hongkong Jockey Club have arranged a varied programme of nine events and given fine weather, there is every reason to expect that keen competition will prevail.

The First Saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Windy Gap Handicap (First Section): From Near The Two Mile Post.

The curtain rises on this event for Australian Ponies Class 8, with novice jockeys as pilots. Forever Spring, Priority and Some Fun are called on to carry the maximum load of 159 lbs. followed by Flight and Gladiolus with 155 lbs. each.

In order to win, they will have to show outstanding form, which I don't think we need expect, so they can be left out of consideration.

It seems to me that Strathnamara, with Mr Auchino on top, should have a good chance of scoring a win here, but then are Speed Wheel (Mr Mok) and Airfield (Mr Tseng) to be watched.

Flag Day will be ridden by Mr H. H. Chan. Although this pony is at the moment in fine condition, I doubt if it can do better than place. On account of the low weight which it will carry, Busy Bee (Mr C. A. Lee), 135 lbs., is a decided menace.

SECOND RACE

Pottinger Gap Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This sprint race for Australian Ponies Class 4 has attracted 14 entries and, in view of the short distance, an upset is probable.

From the entries the following should be worth watching: Desire (Mr Kwok), Minx (Mr Ostromoff), Shun Lee (Mr Renfrew) and Anna (Mr Holgate).

I strongly fancy Desire as the distance is well suited for this pony although it ran unplaced at the last meeting over the mile.

Main challenge should come from Minx, which is quite at home over this distance.

Then there is Shun Lee to be considered as it is fast over this distance and, given a good start, might cause an upset.

Amazing won the Ripon Handicap (Third Section) over the mile at the 11th Race Meeting with Mr Boycott up, and on that performance, I think it should win.

The Winged is a much improved pony and judging from its second placing in the above race, First Section, it should have a good chance of winning.

Domino is another candidate capable of winning and should be in at the finish. Rake, although unplaced the last time out, is capable of lasting the full distance, and with the light weight of 135 lbs to handle tomorrow, it is quite likely to cause an upset.

Al Fresco (Mr S. W. Lee) is coming along nicely but I cannot see it beating the above-mentioned ponies and the best it can do is to take third place.

For those looking for an outsider, Wonderful Colin (Mr Peter Young) is the pony.

SEVENTH RACE

Magazine Gap Handicap (First Section): 1½ Miles.

The first lot of Australian Ponies Class 3 will try conclusions here. Shannon (Mr Ostromoff) is carrying 149 lbs., which may not be too much of a handicap in view of its third placing in the Mirs Bay Handicap (Second Section) at the First Race Meeting, from Near The Two Mile Post once round and in, it certainly stands a good chance of winning.

Personally, I think that Empress Delight should win, but Lucky Starlet (Mr Renfrew) is not to be ignored as this pony can move well and the distance is more to its liking.

Nora Queen (Mr Noodt) and Highlight (Mr Maitland) are quite fast over a short distance and will be near at the finish.

Belle Fontaine (Mr Renfrew) is also dangerous, but for those who are looking for an outsider I would recommend Ninety Nine (Mr Boycott) in mind.

With the Commonwealth one up, India must win this match to draw the series.

Five players who were in the drawn fourth Test in Madras have been dropped for the final game, which begins in Cawnpore on February 6.

C. S. Nayudu, P. G. Joshi, N. Chowdhury, B. C. Alva and G. Krishnachand have been replaced by H. Gaekwad, Ramendra Nath, M. R. Rose, D. Gopinath and G. Ramchand.

The full team is as follows:

V. M. Merchant (Captain), V. S. Hazare, S. Mustaq Ali, V. Mankad, D. G. Phadkar,

F. A. Umrigar, H. Gaekwad,

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THE JUBILEE TROPHY

Hendon Football Club's Visit Here Will Be

THE MOST AMBITIOUS TOUR BY AN AMATEUR CLUB SINCE BEFORE THE WAR

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Hendon Football Club is to embark on the most ambitious tour planned by an amateur soccer organisation since the war. The men will fly to the Far East when the season closes next May and will be away 18 days, playing three matches at Hongkong from May 12 to 16 and then going on to Manila in the Philippines for three more games. The £10,000 cost will be met by the Hongkong Football Association which is sponsoring the trip.

Middlesex Wanderers have always been the globe-trotters among amateur clubs, having played in practically every Continental country in their fifty years' existence, but their exploits pale into insignificance compared with what is always called inside football "The Idea of Mr Smith."

In the late thirties, Mr Ted Smith, an Islington (North London) tradesman, thought it would be a good idea to gather together a score or so of amateur footballers and play themselves round the world raising funds as they went. So off went the Islington Corinthians with just enough money to get them to Belgium and Holland.

Some threw up jobs, some got nine months' leave of absence, some were out of work anyhow. And off they started drawing their percentage

Cricket League Matches Again Tomorrow

(By "Recorder")

The first matches in the second round of the Cricket League programme will be played tomorrow. The Scorpions, First Division League leaders, will be away to Craigengower at Happy Valley and, though they drew with the Valley team at Chater Road, are more than likely to come home with all four points.

Golden Dragon is another pony which should not be overlooked in spite of its failure to gain a place with Mr Vong up the last time out, but may redeem itself tomorrow with Mr Shieh in the saddle.

Corrib (Mr Boycott) should be borne in mind. Googli (Mr Maitland) should have a lot to say, as this pony has been whispered to be a good one.

EIGHTH RACE

Pottinger Gap Handicap (Second Section): 6½ Furlongs.

This sprint race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 4. In the Newmarket Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the last meeting The Chief, carrying 145 lbs, under Mr Maitland, won. It would therefore appear that, although given 159 lbs., The Chief has the best recommendation for another win.

Army, three points behind, meet stern opposition in the Indian Recreation Club, to whom they are at home at Sookpung, and are also likely to win though the first round result was also a draw.

The Optimists are at home at Chater Road to the Royal Air Force, who completed their first round fixtures with victory over IRC and a draw against Recreco and are now well up the table among the also-rans.

The Optimists' bowing may get into difficulties against a reinforced batting side and a draw or a victory for the Airmen is not unlikely in what should be high-scoring game.

KCC are at home to a Royal Naval side reinforced by Tom Grant and may have a job of it keeping an four points. The Recreco-University match has been postponed.

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Entries close to the Secretary, Telephone House, 1st floor, at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 1st February, 1951.

Please enclose entry form in the green envelope provided.

COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Paul Welch played the best match of the evening in the final section of the Second Round of the Colony Open Squash Championship last night when he beat R. G. Colman 9-0, 9-0, 9-4 to qualify for the quarter-finals against E. Cumine.

Last night's results:

A. J. Wheatcroft beat J. R. Macdonald 6-3, 6-4, 9-5; Paul Welch beat R. G. Colman 9-0, 9-0, 9-4; E. Cumine beat R. M. Hetherington 9-0, 9-0, 9-4.

The match between P. Crossley and M. W. G. Fawcett was postponed.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1951

24th, 28th February and 3rd March

Hong Kong Derby — 12th May 1951

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By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

THIRD RACE MEETING

Saturday, 27th January 1951

There are nine races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races — \$10.00) may be obtained at the Comprador Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 26th January, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at 5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

or 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

WOMANSENSE

Make-up Application Is An Art Which Anyone Can Master

By HELEN FOLLETT

If checks are a little hollow, apply rouge high and blend carefully to give a natural look. For blending, a sterile cotton ball comes in handy.

WHEN laying on the peaches-and-cream complexion use restraint, a strong mirror, keen eye and steady hand. Take no chance of making errors when you do your facial decorating. It is not smart to look eccentric; even the hustler is doing a hush-hush act, taking on more natural tones. A touch of cheek colouring makes the face more vivid and interesting; a bit too much makes the feminine countenance look brittle and older. All this is what the beauticians are preaching at the present moment. Hollywood lovelies are following the same trend.

Avoid sharp lines where rouge and powder meet. Have a special lamb's wool pad for blending. When nature creates a blush there are no sharp borders, but a delicate fade-away.

Foundation Cosmetic

If you use a foundation cosmetic be stings with it. Keep

thing that has been the way of women throughout the ages. Start under your chin.

Shining Nose

If nobody had ever thought of compounding powder and making powder pads, life would be even more bitter than it is for the girl with the oily skin. She considers that a shining nose is an affliction.

Let her consider the cause of this beauty ill. Nature created sebaceous glands for the purpose of keeping the skin in normal condition, so it would not dry out and flake. When these oil gushers function properly they send forth but the lightest film. When they are over-active it is because the diet is not as free of fat as it should be.

So let the victim of the pasted complexion cut down on butter, cream, rich sauces and gravies.

Soap suds should be used freely at bedtime, not just a swish of a soaped wash-cloth, but a rich, thick lather, tipped in with the finger tips. Every bit must be removed, else the skin will shine all the more.

Talented Dancer

To Perform At Ball

"The dancer is half sprite, half doll—it has to be seen to believe," says Alfred V. Frankenstein of the San Francisco Chronicle of the talented, charming French-Chinese dancer Miss Averil Tong. For those who have seen her performance in the Colony, now no doubt agree with the Chronicle and for those who have not seen her will see her in tonight's St John Ambulance Ball at the Grippis where she will be guest artist.

Miss Tong will soon be touring America where she will represent Chinese Art. During her last two tours in the States to packed houses she had performed in David Belasco Theatre and the Mercury of Orson Wells' fame.

New Form Of Art

In her dancing, Miss Tong has brought Chinese art very close to the western. In fact it has been called the "Chinese Ballet" where movement and body flexibility, grace and technique are brought into play. She will experiment new form of music—music transcribed from classic Peking music by Maestro Guidi, to be played with Western Instruments. Also in her tour she will, in the exquisite garb of a Chinese nun do an original number called the Nun's Dance (Chinese Black Narcissus) a theme depicting temptation and the struggle of the soul.

It may be of interest to Hongkong women that there will be a fashion parade presenting ancient Chinese costumes up to the present day at the Ball.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Why Are There Forests?

—Mr. Punch Had a Very Good Answer—

By MAX TRELL

"WHY," asked Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, "are there forests?"

Mr. Punch, who seemed to be thinking of something else at the moment, probably of how pleasant it would be to take a walk in the sunshine, didn't show any signs of having heard what Knarf had said. Then, suddenly, he turned around with a start.

"Why are there forests? Is that what you asked, Knarf?"

Knarf said that was what he asked.

Mr. Punch looked puzzled for a minute and rubbed the end of his nose. Then he smiled. "A pretty question, my boy—a very pretty question. I've been waiting for quite a while for someone to ask me just that."

"You have?" said Knarf in surprise.

In A Crowd

"To tell you the truth, not many people know why there are forests. I happen to be one of the few who do. I've given a lot of thought to the subject. 'Why,' I have asked myself a hundred times, 'are there forests? Why do all the trees stand together in a crowd? Why aren't they just here and there, like daisies, or buttercups, or dandelions?'"

"Yes," said Knarf, "why aren't they?"

"Well," said Mr. Punch, sitting down in his most comfortable chair and stretching out his legs, "it's a curious story. I got it from an old Owl, who got it (I think) from an old Woodpecker, who got it (I suppose) from one of the old Oak trees, down behind the old Hill. In any case," Mr. Punch added quickly, "it's a true story, for no one has ever caught an Owl, a Woodpecker, or any of the old Oak Trees behind the old Hills telling a lie. This is the story."

"A long time ago, before you or I were born, all the trees lived scattered about, some in one place, some in another. Now and then you would see a mother and a father tree with several of their children clustered about.

But most of them lived where they pleased, and they pleased to live off by themselves.

"Then one day," continued Mr. Punch, "it grew very cold—colder than it had ever been before. It was the Ice Age."

"What's that, Mr. Punch?"

"All the ground became

covered with ice, winter and summer. In fact, there wasn't any more summer. And one by one the trees disappeared.

Trees clustered together make a forest.

For trees, you should know, need summer sunshine as much as anybody. There was only one spot on the face of the earth where the trees didn't disappear. That was behind the old Hill. It sheltered and protected the few trees from the wind and the snow and the ice.

Summer Came Back

"Well, finally, the Ice Age ended and the summer came back. For miles and miles there was nothing to be seen but great empty fields on which nothing grew at all. And behind the hill were a mother and father tree and half a dozen small children trees, all clustered together. But how happy they all were, and what a wonderful sight they made with their frost green leaves and their graceful branches. The years passed, summer to winter, and winter to summer. The mother and father trees grew older, and the children trees themselves became mothers and fathers. And they had children. And later their children had children. But all of them stayed close together, as near to the side of the hill as they could get. For they all knew that if the Ice Age ever came back again, it would be the old Hill that would protect and shelter them.

"And so," said Mr. Punch, "little by little, year by year, the family of trees grew and spread across the great empty fields—across the valleys—across lakes and ponds and rivers—up and over mountains until they covered almost every spot on the earth except the oceans, the deserts, the peaks of the highest mountains, and around the North and South Poles, where the Ice Age still remained. But everywhere else were the trees—all clustered together. And they were the forest!"

Rupert's Autumn Primrose—34



Picture shows the Miss Averil Tong swirling the 14-yard silken scarf depicting the trail of cloud movement in the Scarf Dance which she will perform at tonight's St John Ambulance Ball.

Sweater Top, Print Skirt For Spring

SWATER TOPS plus rayon crepe skirts, plaid and printed are good-looking newcomers in the big resort collection Ruth Payne has designed for a firm in America. The sweaters are round-necked short-sleeved styles, draped up enough for resort attractiveness—applied with pink stripes and white trimmings. Paired with the printed crepe skirts, they make an appealing resort type for better departments.

When the others join Rupert, the elf is nowhere to be seen, and, though he tries to explain, they get more and more puzzled as he leads them along the track to the tunnel where the Imp of Spring was last seen. "It's many years since I saw this tunnel," murmured the old gentleman. "I'd almost forgotten it. How odd that the track leads

here and no further. There must be some reason for that." They walk round it thoughtfully, the old man gradually drifting away. "Why does that elf sleep disappearing?" he thinks, "and where is he now? I'm sure he could help us if only he would come with us. And he moves towards some thick bushes.

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Baby Disorder Due To Allergy

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE colicky baby is not only miserable himself, but he also manages to keep his parents in the same state most of the time, and often causes the doctor trouble as well.

In pain much of the time, these babies cry a great deal. During an attack, they have a most anxious facial appearance, a swollen abdomen, bent legs, and aimlessly waving arms. The discomfort is due either to gas in the stomach and bowel, or to spasm of the stomach muscles.

Nasal Discharge

Sometimes, together with colic, there will be such symptoms as a watery nasal discharge, rattling sound in the throat, splitting up, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, and constipation or diarrhoea. The baby with colic is always ready to eat. Even though he is picked up, he continues to cry.

It is believed by some physicians that colic may be due to allergy or over-sensitivity, particularly to the proteins of cow's milk. If the breast-fed baby has colic, the sensitivity may be due to something the mother includes in her diet.

Treating Colic

In treating colic, it is important to make sure that the baby's milk mixture is properly made, that he gets enough food, and that it is given at a proper rate, which is neither too slow nor too fast; that not too much sugar is included in the mixture, and that the baby is kept in calm and peaceful surroundings. If attention to these things does not produce a cure, a change to some type of modified milk, such as a dry milk, may be helpful. In some cases, it may be advisable to obtain a substitute for the cow's milk. There are vegetable milks available which sometimes can be successfully employed.

Now and then, the physician may advise the use of some spasm-relieving drug, such as atropine—it or a quieting drug, such as phenobarbital. Of course, these must only be employed under the direction of the doctor.

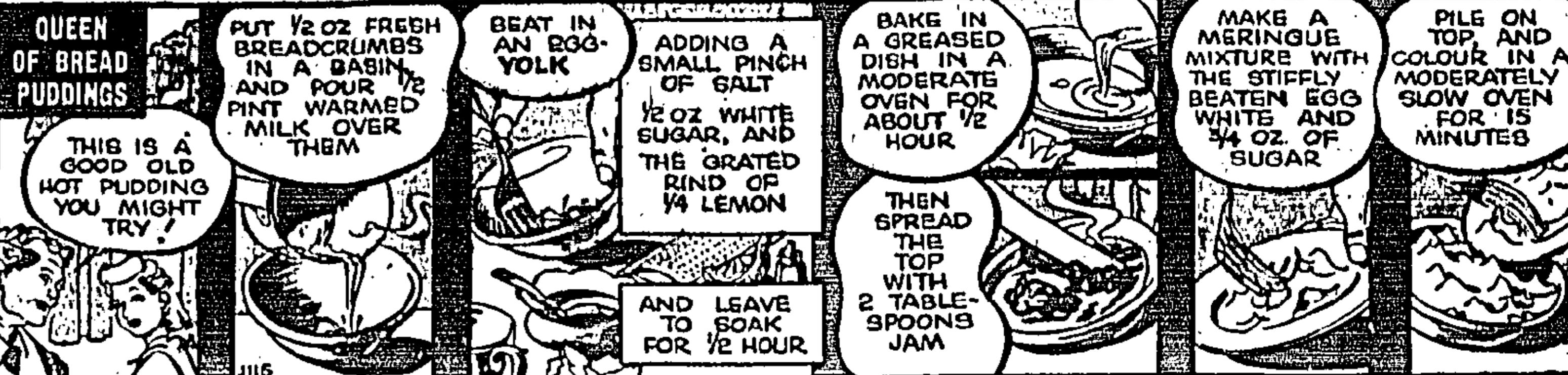
To bring immediate relief from an attack of colic, the giving of an enema or injection into the lower bowel, or putting heat on the abdomen is helpful.

Household Hints

Box in the area under the bath-room sink for odds and ends of towels, soap supplies and scouring powder.

Before repainting any kind of furniture, remove all grease, polish and dirt by washing it with soap and water.

New rayon upholstery fabrics can be kept looking fresh and clean by frequent wiping with a cloth saturated in cleaning fluid. This removes soil and brightens colours. Use slight, straight strokes, overlapping cleaned sections to avoid rings.



Easter Hat Parade

By Dorothy Barkley

LONDON.

THE Big Ten of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion designers are putting the finishing touches to their spring collections. As we await the secret to be revealed from behind silk curtains and gilt doors, we have seen, at Edward Harvane's collection, the hats one London designer has created for this spring. For hats continue to be part of the ensemble throughout the day well into the formal evening scene.

shown in previous seasons. On the larger hats in the collection, there is a definite forward sweeping from back to front. The silhouette is softer, more feminine and more flattering.

Sketched here are some of the hats seen at the collection, which seem to represent the general trends. The group on the left have inset crowns ending below brim level, giving the illusion of small crowns.

The third model reveals a trend which has been popular in Paris for some time now. The old art of basket weaving has been revived to fashion several models in willow cane. It makes a very effective hat, especially when trimmed with roses. Another model with this wicker-work brim, had a striking red satin centre.

Another model of this type, not shown here, was made in crinkled organdie—delightful for garden parties; it was a mushroom shape, and hung round the face, parasol-fashion.

The right-hand group shows the small, all-purpose hats.

A third group of hats were fairly flat, straight brimmed, worn well forward, and tilted over one eye. These were seen in a variety of colours and materials, the most popular being navy straw. An unusual note was the use of coarse linen. The brim of one, rather the shape of the traditional Harrovian boater, was draped with coarse mesh veiling, brilliant orange in colour.

There is one exception to this general trend of small hats worn forward over one eye: little sports hats are still worn well on the head—although they are set at a slight angle. These are made of soft summer felt.

Straw is the principal fabric in the collection; but tulle, organdie, and coarse linen were seen a good deal.

But do we not detect, in the hats placed well over one eye, a return to the fashions of 1939?

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S. "CLYTONEUS"	Liverpool	Roterdam	
S. "FUNING"	Sailed	—	
G. "MEMNON"	Sailed	—	
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G. "TEUCER"	28th Dec.	—	
S. "PELEUS"	4th Jan.	—	
G. "CALCHAS"	13th Jan.	17th Jan.	
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S. "AGAPENOR"	28th Jan.	—	
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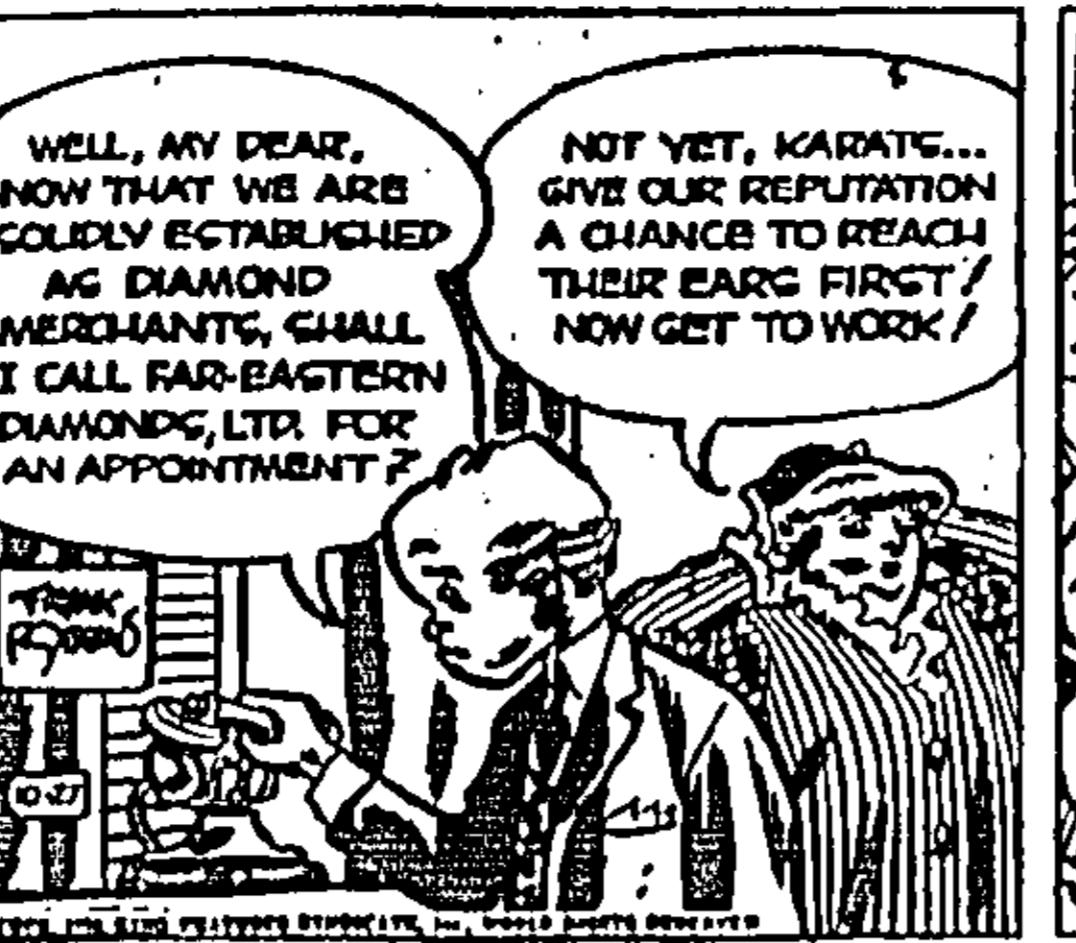
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"BENAVON"	do	26th Mar.
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		16th Apr.
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"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Rotterdam	3rd Feb.
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"BENATTOW"	London, Antwerp & Hamburg	21st Jan.
"BENRINNES"	Havre, London & Rotterdam	4th Feb.
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JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

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by Beachcomber

IT is being repeated in the "hat" girl failed to be elected "Miss Europe," because she was "too young" for night-club appearances.

How wholesome our Miss Sloepoer seems when compared with these Continental sirens. She plods on her undramatic way as the Hygienic Dustbin Queen or Miss Plastic Food, and then goes home to 98, Upper Sebastopol-villas to lead the life of an ordinary girl. No breath of scandal touches her, and if a stray Mayor kisses her in the way of municipal business, she never says, "We are just friends." "Mimsie," said a Councillor the other day, "is as English as roast beef!" "Then she must be an alien," retorted a disgruntled ironmonger.

The trombone controversy

DEAR Sir,
In answer to Councillor Farragut's reactionary outburst I can only say that a lady who blows on her ten to cool it does not need a trombone to make her conspicuous in any decent company. Further, the Councillor has been unlucky in his lady-trombonist friends. Bella Straker—to name but one—was pretty enough to be chosen as Miss Southend some years ago. I have a photo of her in bathing-dress, with her trombone, which she facetiously called "Toby." As to married players, if Mrs Cuttlewell thinks they neglect their homes, she should read Mrs Armitage's "Was I a Trombonist?" Mrs Armitage used to play her children to sleep while her husband was at his club, and she was chosen to play before the M'Wo of M'Banga when he visited England. She began with solos at the soirees of the Kilverstone Ladies' Art Circle, and once accompanied a reading from "War

and Peace."

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This was a jump of \$17 over Wednesday's closing. —Associated Press.

HECTIC DAY IN COTTON

New York, Jan. 25. Cotton futures went through a series of hectic fluctuations, covering a range of almost \$5 a bale, as traders became fidgety in anticipating a Government freeze order.

Reports that the order would be ready late on Thursday or Friday brought a mid-session lull of 93 points in March delivery, making it the sharpest drop for any session in almost 8 weeks. While a freeze was expected, traders were surprised to hear the news that leather prices would be rolled back to the highest level in November or a reduction of 15 per cent. Expectations had been that the general roll-back date would be Jan. 2.

Cotton traders thus assumed that if an earlier roll-back could be ordered for leather, the step might be taken for other commodities.

The peace talks in Korea also acted to keep bulls on the defensive.

The E.C.A. overnight announced new cotton purchase grants of \$29,000,000 to Italy and \$15,000,000 to Germany.

The market opened 6 to 7 points lower, backed and filled nervously until the mid-afternoon break, then rallied briskly again at the close under trade and speculative buying, some of which was encouraged by new uncertainties over the possibilities for an early Korea peace. The final prices were off 2 to 3 points.

Prices closed today as follows:—

Spot 45.35 nominal
March (1951) 44.20 - 44.28
May 43.25 - 43.27
July 43.25 - 43.27
October 41.39 - 41.40
December 40.83
March (1952) 40.75
May 40.75
July 40.20 nominal

—United Press.

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Closing rate

Spot 44.25 nominal
March (1951) 44.18
May 43.55
July 43.13 - 43.14
October 41.25
December 40.70 bid
March (1952) 40.00 bid
May 40.00 bid
July 40.10 bid

—United Press.

WOOL SALES

Melbourne, Jan. 25.

The first of the 1951 wool auctions closed today with prices for broader Merino come-back and finer crossbred wools averaging five per cent above opening rates.

Two bales of super "A" lambswool cost 334 Australian pence a pound. The high price for come-back was 270 Australian pence a pound.—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 25.

General business featured the London Stock Exchange today despite a tendency in some sections to mark time pending developments in the Korean crisis.

Textile shares sparked a general advance in leading industrial shares.

Oil issues eased under profit-taking.

British Government bonds slumped ½-¾ through most of the list.

Japanese bonds were mixed.

The 1907s were up ¼, the 1910s were up ½ and the 1930s were down ½.

The Financial Times' index: 120.3.—Associated Press.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
Closing Times By Air

B.N. Borneo, Australia and New Zealand, 5 p.m. Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A. (Letters and class mail and parcels); Giann (letters and second class mail); Canada (letters only), 5 p.m.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe & France, 6 p.m.

Portugal, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Siam, 3 p.m. Philippines & Japan, 3 p.m. Indonesia, 3 p.m.

Formosa, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 3 p.m. Siam, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

B.N. Borneo, 9 a.m. Indo-China, 9 a.m. Malaya & India, Noon. Siam, 9 a.m. New Zealand, 3 p.m. Philippines & France, 3 p.m. U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
Closing Times By Air

Philippines & B.N. Borneo, 3 p.m. Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe and France, 6 p.m. Indo-China, 5 p.m. Formosa, 5 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Story: "The House at Pook Corner" By A. A. Milne; "Tigers Don't Climb Trees" By B. B. Babbitt; "30 Cantonese Radio" Given by Miss Lee, Wal Van & S. K. Lee; Studio: 6.50, Organ Solo By Marcel Dupre; 7, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.30, A Concert featuring Australian Artists and their Guests; 7.45, Mantovani and His Orchestra; 8, "From the Editorials" (London Relay Recorded); 8.10, "Music Lovers Hour" - Classical Requests Presented by Curtin Hindson (Studio); The Emmerich Kálmán Suite; "The Stranahan"; "The Care of the Morning After" (BBCTS); 10, Radio News Beat (London Relay); 10.10, "This Is Australia" - An Up-to-the-Minute Picture of Australia (London Relay Recorded); 11.15, "Goodnight Music"; 11.30, Weather Report; God Save the King; 11.32, Close Down.

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\$12,880,225 SURPLUS IN OCTOBER

80% Of Year's Revenue Collected In First 7 Months
Latest Official Returns

Latest revenue and expenditure figures published in today's Gazette indicate that by the end of October about 80 percent of the total estimated revenue for the financial year ending this March had been received by the Treasury, and that the General Revenue Balance on October 31, standing at \$208,196,002, was a little more than \$4 million dollars in excess of the estimated revenue for 1950-51.

The month of October produced a surplus of \$12,880,225, compared with a deficit in September of approximately one and a half million dollars. Total revenue for October was \$26,151,428 and expenditure \$13,271,202.

Man Robs Teachers, Children
SENT TO PRISON FOR 2 YEARS

Three teachers from St Stephen's Girls' College, 11 students of the Diocesan Boys' School and Father Gerrant at Maryknoll Convent School were complainants against Lam Shuchuen, 23, who was charged on four counts of housebreaking, larceny in a dwelling, and unlawful possession before Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Defendant who claimed to be a student was given two years on the four charges.

Det. Sub-Insp. A. B. Hartman, prosecuting, said that on January 3, defendant went into Father Gerrant's room at Maryknoll Convent School and stole a fountain pen and a travelling clock. At about 9.45 p.m. on January 5, he went into the Diocesan Boys' School dormitory at Kadoura Road and stole money, fountain pens and various articles to the total value of \$318. On January 10, he went into the Teachers' quarters after nightfall and stole fountain pens, wrist watches and a cigarette case to the value of \$160, the properties of Miss A. Deems, Miss J. M. Bennett, and Miss F. Wong.

Insp. Hartman said that defendant simply walked into the schools with the exception of St Stephen's Girls' College where he broke into the premises.

On January 22, defendant was arrested by a detective who was on pawn-shop checking duty and found in his possession one lady's watch and one green lady's jacket which he admitted to have stolen and whose ownership could not be located.

The object sought to be achieved by these regulations is to prevent the substances to which the principal Ordinance applies have experienced difficulty in obtaining adequate supplies of these substances. The difficulty is attributable to the operations of unscrupulous persons speculating in these commodities.

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The above regulations (made under the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922) have therefore been enacted in amendment of the principal Ordinance to make it an offence for persons other than legitimate users to be in possession of such substances while for certain purposes imposing the requirement of permits issued by or on behalf of the Director of Medical and Health Services. It is contemplated that permits will, in general, be issued to established wholesale dealers in the substances concerned. Transitional provisos however provide for sale to the Government by persons who are refused permits.

Obligation is also created for certain persons to keep records of transactions and powers of entry and search are given for purposes of enforcement.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Ques. 1. Who speaks (1) F and G? (2) F and G? (3) B and F? Now supply the second name. Ques. 2. Who speaks F? Dutch? No P speaks F and G. Impossible. No two speak the same two languages. Ques. 3. F and G speak Dutch. (1) F speaks G (impossible). (2) G speaks F. Ques. 4. Who speaks D and G? (1) D and G speak D and G. (2) D and G must speak D. Ques. 5. Who speaks F? Arabic. Ques. 6. Who speaks F? Arabic. Ques. 7. Who speaks F? (impossible). The two speak F (impossible). The two speak F (impossible). The two speak F (impossible).

Check Your Knowledge ANSWERS

1. One who sings songs of unrequited love. 2. A union composed of members of various occupations or crafts. 3. 4700 BC, in Egypt. 4. Three. Saint Petersburg, Petrograd and Leningrad. 5. Moscow, G. Germany. 6. Paris, France. 7. London, England. 8. Berlin, Germany. 9. London, England. 10. Paris, France. 11. London, England. 12. Berlin, Germany. 13. London, England. 14. Paris, France. 15. London, England. 16. Berlin, Germany. 17. London, England. 18. Paris, France. 19. London, England. 20. Berlin, Germany. 21. London, England. 22. Berlin, Germany. 23. London, England. 24. Berlin, Germany. 25. London, England. 26. Berlin, Germany. 27. London, England. 28. Berlin, Germany. 29. London, England. 30. Berlin, Germany. 31. London, England. 32. Berlin, Germany. 33. London, England. 34. Berlin, Germany. 35. London, England. 36. Berlin, Germany. 37. London, England. 38. Berlin, Germany. 39. London, England. 40. Berlin, Germany. 41. London, England. 42. Berlin, Germany. 43. London, England. 44. 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